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Judge Wickersham Thinks  
 Alaskan Legislative Body  
 Should Be Elected.

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Seattle, Wash., Dec. 13.—Judge James Wickersham, delegate to congress from Alaska, is in Seattle today, having arrived on the steamer Yucatan Sunday. He will remain here for a week or ten days.

Asked today what he thought of President Taft's proposal to give Alaska an executive council, he said he did not agree with the president that an executive council would be desirable for Alaska, or be responsible to the needs of that great country.

"If the Alaskans deserve a local legislative body," said Mr. Wickersham, "they should be empowered to vote for the men they want for that purpose. President Taft's plans make the council appointive by the president, and, of course, they would be removable by him. I have no doubt that President Taft is really desirous of responding in a way to the wishes of Alaskans to have a body having authority to make laws that will sympathetically meet conditions they believe should be corrected. Only Alaskans acquainted with the situation can do this properly."

"I am first, last and all the time for giving Alaska full territorial powers, with a legislature of its own selecting. To be sure, Alaska has no county organizations, but that is not essential. For all practical purposes the present four judicial divisions could be considered so many counties."

Mr. Wickersham says he has not yet decided whether he will be a candidate for re-election.

## SLIPS WITH MEAT AND HANGS ON HOOK

Slipping with a heavy piece of butchered beef, and catching his left breast upon a steel hook, tearing a gash four inches in length and nearly an inch deep, was the painful experience of Peter Reyeltz yesterday afternoon, while working in his slaughter house east of this city.

Reyeltz is the proprietor of the South Commercial street butcher shop, and kills his stock at a slaughter house a half mile east of the S. P. passenger depot. Yesterday he was cutting up beef and was carrying a large piece over to one side of the building to hang it up. As he approached the hooks, he slipped and fell, catching his breast on the hook just a short distance below the shoulder blade. The sharp instrument cut into the flesh, and had it been a few inches lower might have been more serious, as the depth of the wound might have allowed the

hook to pass between the ribs in the region of the heart. However, he escaped with a very serious gouge in the breast, and, although he is not able to attend to his work today, he is up and around the shop. A similar accident occurred to

Charles Sauvalne, Mr. Reyeltz's assistant. Mr. Sauvalne was carrying a piece of meat to a hook, when he slipped and the huge weight pulled the back of his hand down upon the sharp hook, making a serious and

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